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Phillips Submits Exploration Plan for McCovey Unit

Phillips Alaska, Inc., submitted an exploration plan and the associated Oil Spill Contingency Plan to the Minerals Management Service for the McCovey Prospect in the Beaufort Sea. The plan was submitted on September 22, 2000. Under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, MMS must make a decision on the plan within 30 days. Phillips plans to construct an ice island during the winter 2000-2001 to drill one exploratory well. The McCovey Unit includes three Federal and four State of Alaska leases located in the central Beaufort Sea about five miles northeast of Reindeer Island and 12 miles east of the Northstar Field.

A copy of the exploration plan and oil spill contingency plan may be checked out at the MMS Alaska Regional Office, Information Resource Center, Third Floor, 949 East 36th Avenue, in Anchorage. A review copy is available at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services, 3150 C Street in Anchorage. Comments regarding Phillips proposed exploration plan will be accepted until October 11, 2000. Please send comments to the Regional Supervisor, Field Operations, MMS, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

For more information about the exploration plan, call 907-271-6070, or toll-free at 1-800-764-2627, or via e-mail to akwebmaster@mms.gov. Information about the McCovey Project may be found on our website located at www.mms.gov/alaska.

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